

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/24/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-35 and 37.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 08 March 1999 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).


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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

1. In view of the Brief filed on 1/24/05, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED.

Thus, the rejection of last Office action has been withdrawn.

2. Claim 36 has been canceled.

Claims 1-35 and 37 remain pending for examination.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Margo Livesay (Reg. No. 41,946) on July 14, 2005.

The application has been amended as follow:

In the claims,

Claim 16, line 1, change "A computer-readable medium bearing instructions for searching for" to - - A computer-readable storage medium bearing instructions for searching for - -.

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Claim 21, line 1, change "A computer-readable medium bearing instructions" to -
- A computer-readable storage medium bearing instructions - -.

Claim 30, line 1, change "A computer-readable medium bearing instructions for
searching" to - - A computer-readable storage medium bearing instructions for
searching - -.

Claim 32, line 1, change "A computer-readable medium bearing instructions for
storing a" to - - A computer-readable storage medium bearing instructions for searching
for storing a - -.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. With respect to claims 1-35 and 37 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claims 1, 16, 31, 32 and 35, the claimed features "a method of searching for a string in a lexical cache, said lexical containers associated with respective key lengths and configured to hold respective numbers of entries based on the respective key lengths" in conjunction with other elements of the independent claims would not found anticipated or obvious over the prior art made of record. With claims 6 and 21, the claimed features "identifying a hash table from among a plurality of hash tables based on the length of the key, said hash table containing sequences of slots for holding entries associated with strings, each of said sequences of slots corresponding

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to respective hash value, wherein at least one of the hash tables is configured to hold a different number of slots than at least another one of the hash table" in conjunction with other elements of the independent claims would not found anticipated or obvious over the prior art made of record. With respect to claims 15 and 30, the claimed features "each of said sequences of slots corresponding to a respective hash value and a number of the slots being based on a respective key length, wherein at least one of the hash tables is configured to hold a different number of slots than at least another one of the hash tables" in conjunction with other elements of the independent claims would not found anticipated or obvious over the prior art made of record.

The dependent claims, being definite, further limiting, and fully enabled by the specification are also allowed.

The closest prior art, Li, U.S. Patent Number 5,774,588 relates to reducing the number of entries in a lexicon. Rangarajan et al., U.S. Patent Number 5,706,365 relates to systems and methods that index words in a document for subsequent search and retrieval but fail to teach the above limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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CONTACT INFORMATION

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JEAN B. FLEURANTIN whose telephone number is 571 – 272-4035. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:05 to 4:35.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JOHN E BREENE can be reached on 571 – 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-308-6606.

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